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# H. R. 2222

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthen the Earned  
5 Income Tax Credit Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRENGTHEN THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.**

7 (a) REDUCTION IN MARRIAGE PENALTY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 32(b)(2)(B) of the  
9 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to joint re-  
10 turns) is amended—

1 (A) by striking “, 2006, and 2007” in  
 2 clause (ii) and inserting “and 2006”, and

3 (B) by striking clause (iii) and inserting  
 4 the following new clauses:

5 “(iii) \$3,500 in the case of taxable  
 6 years beginning in 2007,

7 “(iv) \$4,000 in the case of taxable  
 8 years beginning in 2008,

9 “(v) \$4,500 in the case of taxable  
 10 years beginning in 2009, and

11 “(vi) \$5,000 in the case of taxable  
 12 years beginning after 2009.”.

13 (2) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section  
 14 32(j)(1)(B)(ii) of such Code is amended—

15 (A) by striking “\$3,000 amount in sub-  
 16 section (b)(2)(B)(iii)” and inserting “\$5,000  
 17 amount in subsection (b)(2)(B)(vi)”, and

18 (B) by striking “2007” and inserting  
 19 “2009”.

20 (3) PROVISIONS NOT SUBJECT TO SUNSET.—  
 21 Title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief  
 22 Reconciliation Act of 2001 (relating to sunset provi-  
 23 sions of such Act) shall not apply to section 303(a)  
 24 of such Act.

(b) INCREASE IN CREDIT PERCENTAGE FOR FAMILIES WITH 3 OR MORE CHILDREN.—The table contained in section 32(b)(1)(A) of such Code (relating to percentages) is amended—

(1) by striking “2 or more qualifying children” in the second row and inserting “2 qualifying children”, and

(2) by inserting after the second row the following new item:

3 or more qualifying children .....	45 .....	21.06”.
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(c) CREDIT INCREASE AND REDUCTION IN PHASE-OUT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NO CHILDREN.—The table contained in section 32(b)(1)(A) of such Code is amended—

(1) by striking “7.65” in the second column of the third row and inserting “15.3”, and

(2) by striking “7.65” in the third column of the third row and inserting “15.3”.

(d) PERMANENT EXTENSION OF SPECIAL RULE TREATING COMBAT PAY AS EARNED INCOME.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Clause (vi) of section 32(c)(2)(B) of such Code (relating to earned income) is amended to read as follows:

1                   “(iv) a taxpayer may elect to treat  
2                   amounts excluded from gross income by  
3                   reason of section 112 as earned income.”.

4                   (2) PROVISION NOT SUBJECT TO SUNSET.—  
5                   Section 105 of the Working Families Tax Relief Act  
6                   of 2004 (relating to application of EGTRRA sunset  
7                   to this title) shall not apply to section 104(b) of  
8                   such Act.

9                   (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10                  this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
11                  December 31, 2006.

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